

### Update #3 Regarding BPPVE Approved Schools

The Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform Act of 1989 (Act), including the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education (BPPVE), became inoperative on July 1, 2007 and the Act itself was repealed on January 1, 2008. The Department of Consumer Affairs has worked to encourage schools to voluntarily agree to comply with the law as it existed on June 30, 2007. More information about this can be found at [www.bppve.ca.gov](http://www.bppve.ca.gov).

The Governor has signed legislation to address the sunset of the BPPVE, most recently SB 45 (Perata, 2007) which extended the Board's ability to accept degrees from schools that had a valid approval to operate as of June 30, 2007 until January 1, 2009.

*What does this mean for a person whose degree was or will be conferred on or after July 1, 2007?*

If your school's BPPVE approval was still in effect on June 30, 2007; your degree was or will be conferred on or after July 1, 2007 and before January 2, 2009; and, if your degree meets all other qualifications, it will be accepted for Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT) Intern registration and MFT licensure.

*What does this mean for prospective students considering entering a MFT program?*

The legislative provisions relating to BPPVE approvals expires on January 2, 2009. If you are considering entering a degree program at a non-accredited school, we strongly suggest that you monitor the progress of reform legislation. **The Board cannot advise you on whether to enroll in any program (including those affected by the elimination of the BPPVE). However, the board is committed to providing you with facts that can help you make an informed decision.**

*What other legislation is pending?*

Senate Bill 823 (Perata) would have created a Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education in the Department of Consumer Affairs. This bill would have established the regulatory structure, provided authority to regulate and enforce provisions, and established reporting requirements and accountability. However, it was classified as an urgency bill and failed to gain the 2/3rds majority vote needed in the Assembly. It is expected to be reconsidered later this year. **For further details regarding this and other related legislation, please contact your school or check for updates on the Department of Consumer Affairs' web site at [www.bppve.ca.gov](http://www.bppve.ca.gov).**

*What is the Board of Behavioral Sciences doing to address this issue?*

The Board is sponsoring Assembly Bill 1897 (Emmerson) which would extend the Board's ability to accept degrees from BPPVE approved programs to candidates graduating by December 31,

2011. At this time, it is unclear whether this legislation will be successful. In addition, the Board has proposed a regulation that would permit applicants for MFT licensure and MFT Intern registration who obtain a degree from a BPPVE approved school between January 1, 2009 and June 30, 2012 to continue to qualify, as long as the school held an approval to operate as of June 30, 2007. The public comment period for this regulation ends on July 28, 2008, and the Board anticipates voting on the proposed regulation at its August 21-22, 2008 meeting. However, please be advised that this regulation is subject to the review and approval of the Office of Administrative Law. **For more information on this regulation see [www.bbs.ca.gov/bd\\_activity/reg\\_pending.shtml](http://www.bbs.ca.gov/bd_activity/reg_pending.shtml).**

#### *What Can I Do?*

If you wish to provide comment on the pending legislation, you can contact the authors of the legislation directly:

Senator Don Perata (SB 45)  
State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
916-651-4009

Assemblyman Bill Emmerson (AB 1897)  
State Capitol, Room 4158  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
916-319-2063

If you wish to provide **written** comment to the Board regarding the proposed regulation, you may send it to the board at the address below:

Board of Behavioral Sciences  
Attn: Tracy Rhine  
1625 N. Market Boulevard, Suite S-200  
Sacramento, CA 95834

If you wish to provide **verbal** comment regarding the proposed regulation, you may do so during the regulation hearing scheduled to begin at **9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 4, 2008** at:

DCA Headquarters  
1625 N. Market Boulevard, Room N-220  
Sacramento, CA 95834